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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Honorable Walt W. Rostow  
Special Assistant to the President  
The White House

**SUBJECT :** Transmittal of Request for Information on Military  
and Economic Aid to North Vietnam

1. In response to your request, I am enclosing a memorandum on recent trends in military and economic aid to North Vietnam from other Communist countries. Included are tables on the composition and value of military aid and a discussion of the types of economic aid now being provided to North Vietnam.

2. As noted in the memorandum, the aid is essential to North Vietnam's military effort in the South, but does not represent an economic burden that would deter the USSR and Communist China from continuing their support to Hanoi.

**A. J. SMITH**  
Deputy Director for Intelligence

**Enclosure:**  
Copies 1 & 2 of Subject Memo